

AUTHORIZATION FOR INVESTIGATION BY SECRETARY
OF THE INTERIOR

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Mr. McNARY, from the Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5142]

The Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5142) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to investigate the extent of damages suffered by landowners and water users on the Owyhee reclamation project, Oregon, due to a break in the north canal of such project, having considered the same, report favorably thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

When this bill was introduced in the House it was referred to the Secretary of the Interior for report. The Secretary of the Interior addressed a letter to the chairman of the House Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation on August 14, 1941, recommending the passage of the bill with certain amendments. The amendments recommended by the Secretary were incorporated in the bill which was passed by the House.

It is the opinion of the committee that the Secretary of the Interior should be authorized to investigate the extent of the damages suffered by landowners and water users on the Owyhee reclamation project, as provided in this bill. The bill provides that the cost of the investigation and report to Congress shall be accounted for as part of the cost of operating and maintaining said project, and that such expenditures as are deemed necessary therefor by said Secretary shall be made from moneys heretofore or hereafter appropriated to the Department of the Interior for operation and maintenance, Owyhee project, Oregon.

